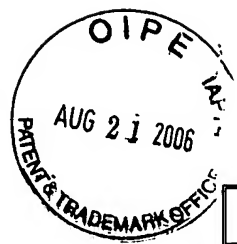


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Applicants	Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/694,577	Filing Date: October 27, 2003
Title of Application:	Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head
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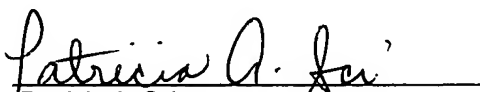
***Response Transmittal and
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136(a))***

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of four months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on August 1, 2006.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$1590.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

Certificate of Mailing: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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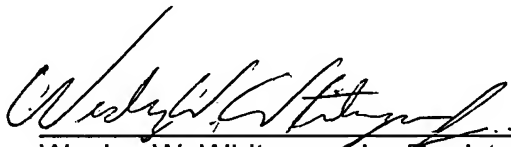
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4. Fee Payment. Attached is a credit card form PTO-2038 in the sum of \$1590.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,

August 17, 2006



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